

ey is needed for missions or the college or church paper or even pastor's salary they contain only coppers or nothing, but the next day when a new hat or coffee or filthy tobacco is wanted, behold the same pocket book turns out silver. I should like to know about this.

3. Men are so funny. They will say that the church service is such a bore and the ordinances of the church are for women and children and not for big smart men, and then they will sit in the weekly "stay party" of their lodge and go through the same dry routine they have gone through a hundred times before or help in an initiation a hundred times more foolish in itself than any symbol of the church, yet in these they find profound wisdom and enjoyment. This also is wonderful to me.

4. And the boys! By what strange perversion of all that is true have the boys come to consider as manly and dignifying the stinking pipe and plug, the swaggering gait and fulsome words, the loafers' corner and such other things which in reality betoken beastliness? Did their fathers do thus before them? Then why did their fathers do thus? Will their children do thus after them? May the Lord have mercy upon us!

5. Girls! Nearest to angels of all mortal beings, greatest in possibilities of purity and loveliness of character, with power to bend the men to their ideals as the nectar-laden flowers bring the bees to love their dainties,—girls, you inscrutable divine mysteries, why will you continue to smile on the follies of vile men and find pleasure in their company? Yes and throw your lives into hell hoping to reform a man after marriage who does not love you enough to reform after marriage. How often do you succeed? How many divorce cases come from such causes? How many children are thus cursed with evil tendencies and spoiled by parental strife? Who can tell? Now when your dandy fellow wants to smoke you tell him you like the smell of a good cigar, and when he says he believes in being free to take a drink when he desires you tell him you like to see independence, and when he wants to take you to theatres and dances as steps on the way you praise his generosity toward you and you put your jewels into the care of his sooty fingers. Is it possible! Did it ever occur to you that if you should say firmly from the start as did that noble queen among women, Frances E. Willard, "I will never keep company with a man of bad habits," that you could do more than our legislature to rid our land of its evils. Miss Willard, it is said was once betrothed but rejected her lover because he began the use of tobacco. She lived and died a maiden lady, but what home in Christendom is not sweeter and purer because of her life? And was her own joy diminished? What kind of pleasure ought we seek in life? But perhaps I am saying what your mothers ought to say instead. Perhaps I don't know anything about girls and their duties and motives. This too is one of my troubles.

Saloonkeepers do not expect good people to help them, all they ask is that they be let alone. "Why don't they let us alone and mind their own business," said one whose saloon had been closed up thru the efforts of some men and women. "I will tell you why," answered one of them. "Because you don't let us alone. You are an enemy of the Church, of the home, and of everything good. You spoil our homes and ruin our boys and bring us to beggary, and as Christian men and women we are minding our business when we are opposing you with all our might." To Jesus the devils said, "Let us alone." Liquor men are his agents, and that is what they say to all good people.

A man can afford to leave this world with his barn half completed, or with his harvest ungathered, but he can not afford to leave the world without the peace of God in his heart.

Brevities

There were about 5,300,000 people in America when this century opened. We have now 75,000,000 people in the United States, and 10,000,000 more in our new possessions.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has given the old Stanford home in Sacramento, Cal., to Bishop Mora of the Catholic Church, together with a \$75,000 endowment with which to maintain it as an orphanage. This is the house where Senator Stanford lived for 20 years, and where his son, in whose memory the Stanford University was founded, was born.

Astronomers tell us that in our solar system there are at least 17,000,000 comets of all sizes.

The great wall of China, portions of which are still in evidence, was completed 211 B. C.

Portland, (Ore.) exported 6,500,000 bushels of wheat during the last eight months. More than half of this was raised in the State of Washington.

A snake short-circuited the telegraph line of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad recently by climbing a pole and twisting his body about two wires.

The most ancient glass had exactly the same component parts as that of to-day, and the processes used seem to have been similar in all times.

Mrs. Mary Cunningham of Bangor was 100 years old on the 4th of July, and she celebrated the day by walking down town to a newspaper office and giving a reporter a sketch of her long life.

It is said that the human hand if perfectly clean may be placed in boiling lead and not suffer injury. The Prince of Wales is said to have performed this feat at one time after his hand had been thoroughly cleansed with amonia.

Colonel F. F. Hilder of the Smithsonian Institution, has returned from the Philippines, where he was sent in the interest of the Government exhibit of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held in Buffalo next year.

Although the ostrich has powerful legs and can kick like a mule, his limbs are very brittle and are easily broken. He has two toes on each foot, one being armed with a horny nail which he uses as his principal weapon of warfare. When an unarmed man is attacked by one of these birds the chances are very much against the man unless he can climb a tree or jump over a five-foot wall.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has just decided by a unanimous vote that hard cider is an intoxicating drink.

Spinsters generally will be interested in knowing that the twentieth century will have 24 leap years, the greatest number possible—three Februaries with five Sundays each and 380 eclipses.

The surface and elevated railway systems of Chicago have now been so arranged that it is possible to reach almost any part of the city without having to take a cab or walk an inconvenient distance.

On July 1 the Dominion of Canada entered the thirty-third year of its existence. It started with four scattered provinces in the east; now it is almost half the northern continent, stretching from shore to shore, from east to west.

Recent observation has revealed the dragon fly, known as the "snake doctor," feeds on mosquitoes, and experiments are under way for breeding dragon flies in great numbers and turning them loose in localities where mosquitoes abound.

Many lives are full of broken promises and resolutions,—shattered possibilities of better life and nobler service.

Our Cream Pitcher

Theodore L. Cuyler

A baptism of trial may be your best baptism for Christ's service. Working is better than weeping; and if you work on till the last morning breaks you read in that clear light the meaning of many of your sorrows.

Religious Telescope

Sermons which show the people what God says interest them far more than sermons which only tell what the preacher thinks. It is God's message that touches the heart, and not man's wisdom.

Alexander McKenzie

If we look down, our shoulders stoop; if our thoughts look down, our character bends. It is only when we hold our heads up that the body becomes erect; it is only when our thoughts go up that our life becomes erect.

Watchword

With every change in our environment we should open wider our eyes to see if God has not other and higher work for us to do. The vision on the housetop was an eye opener to Peter, and broadened his horizon by the space of the whole world. God has always some higher and wider work for those who are competent to perform the task.

Dr John Hall

Kind looks, kind words, kind acts, and warm hand shakes—these are the secondary means of grace when men are in trouble and are fighting their unseen battles.

Henry M. Simmons

Human love is itself the best worship. Human love is itself the holiest presence of God and is the best proof that the Divine love which has produced it and lives in it will fulfill all the promises whispered there

New York Observer

A nation that honors God in worship, in keeping the integrity of the Sabbath, in its material wealth, will aspire to and secure all the other blessings that flow from true religion. It will realize its mission to humanity, and secure education to all. It will, in its expression of God's law, dethrone crime, and greed, and lust, and intemperance, and all that pauperizes, depraves and ruins man. Pure and undefiled religion, the religion of Christ, is the only hope of nations and of the world. Battleships and standing armies are not the bulwarks of a nation.

J. R. Miller

Christ never asks for anything we cannot do. But let us not forget that he always does expect and require of each of us the best we can do. The faithfulness Christ wants and approves implies the doing of all our work, our business, our trade, our daily toil, as well as we can. The universe is not quite complete without your well done, however small that work may be. The faithfulness which Christ requires must reach also to everything we do. It takes in the way the child gets his lessons and recites them, the way the dressmaker and tailor sew their seams, the way the blacksmith welds the iron and shoes the horse, the way the plumber puts in his pipes, the way the carpenter builds the house, the way the clerk represents the goods, and measures or weighs them. How soon it would put a stop to all dishonesty, all fraud, all skimping, all false weights and measures, all shams, all neglects of duty, if this lesson were only learned and practiced everywhere!

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